

United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all</u> Vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

Agricultural Marketing FV-300

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Service

Date Issued: May 10, 2006

Washington, DC 20250

Canned Fruit, Announcement FV-300, Invitation 087

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, May 23, 2006. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from July 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Canned Apricots

24/#300

22,680 cases

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors.

Product produced from 2005 crop or later will be acceptable on this invitation.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton, The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <a href="http://orca.bpn.gov">http://orca.bpn.gov</a>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm">http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm</a>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.



Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <a href="http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes">http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes</a> which translates into a connection of <a href="https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?">https://pcsd.usda.gov/debes</a> which translates into a connection of <a href="https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?">https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?</a> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-300, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-300, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV300

INVITATION : 087

COMM GROUP : 30 FRUIT, CANNED

COMM TYPE : 13 APRICOTS, HALVES, UNPLD, CND

PACK SIZE : 24 24/#300 CAN

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005 CARTHAGE MO 6,480
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/06 - 08/31/06
006 ALBUQUERQUE NM TRUCK ONLY 1,620
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/06 - 09/15/06
007 GALLUP NM TRUCK ONLY 1,620
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06
008 INDIANAPOLIS IN TRUCK ONLY 3,240
009 CARTHAGE MO 1,620
010 KANSAS CITY MO 1,620
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 22,680

Michelle Warren Contracting Officer

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